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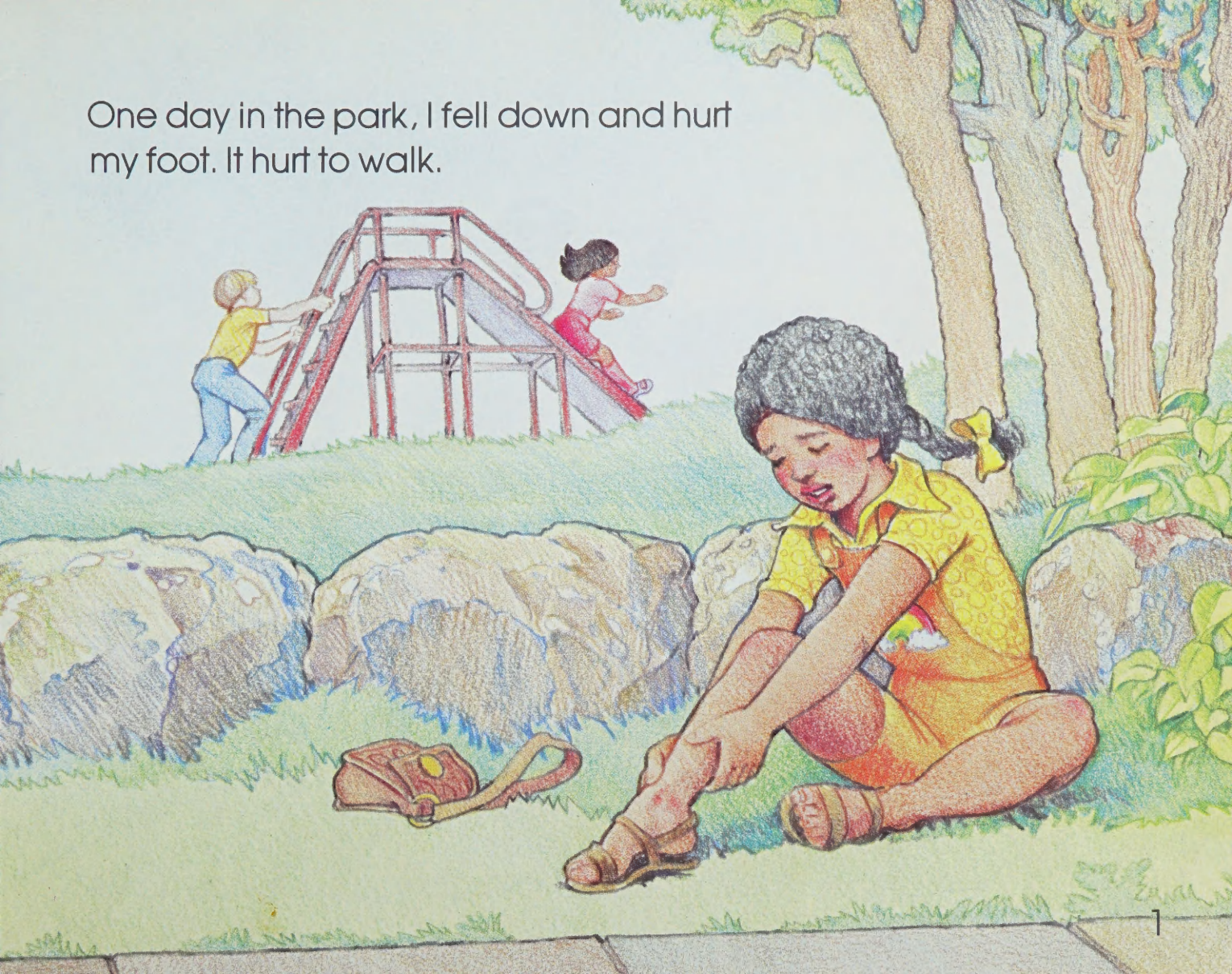
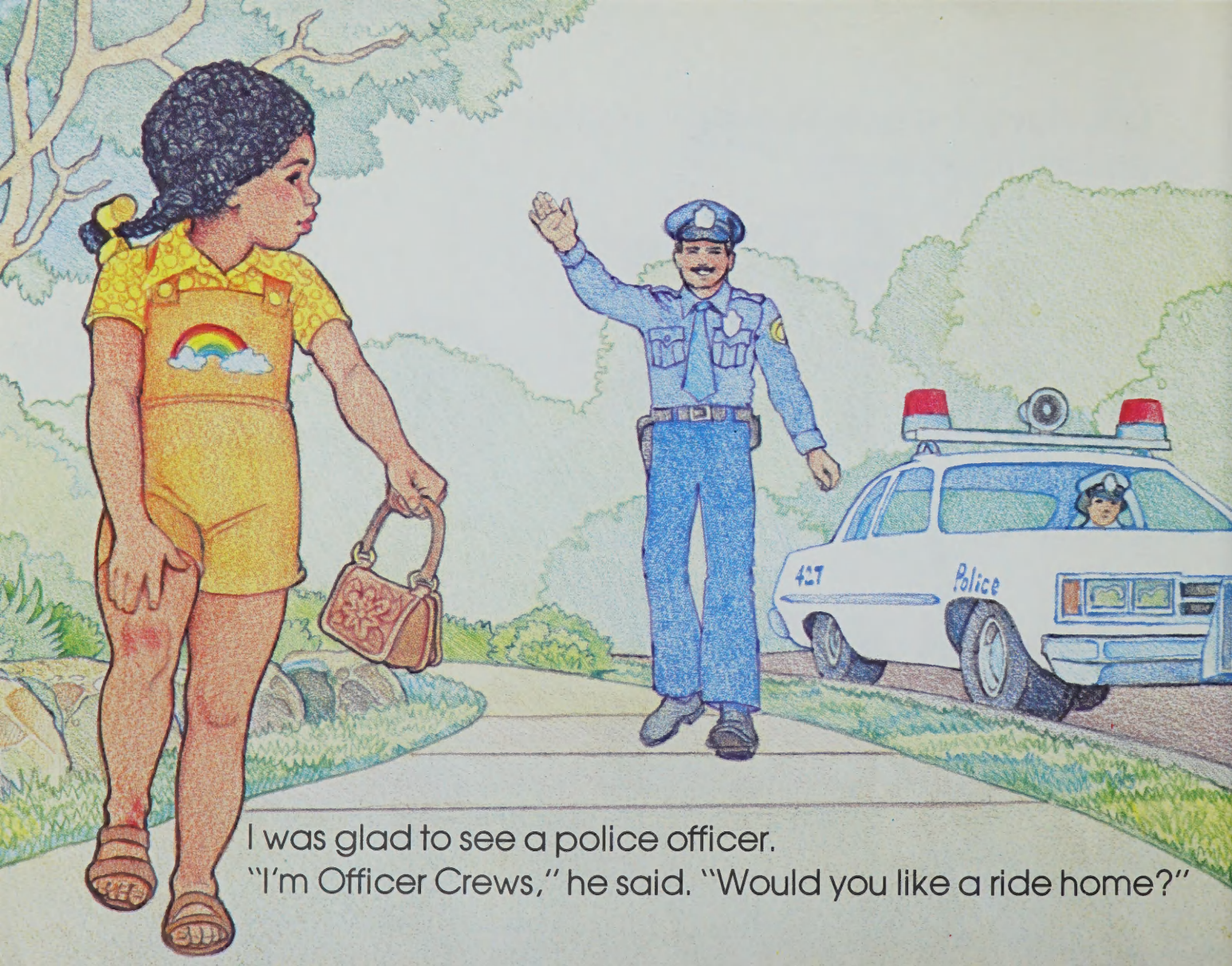
One day in the park, I fell down and hurt my foot. It hurt to walk.





I was glad to see a police officer.
"I'm Officer Crews," he said. "Would you like a ride home?"

I was excited. I'd never ridden in a police car before. Have you?

Officer Crews helped me into the police car.
"Hello. I'm Officer Williams," said the other police officer. "Where do you live?"
"I live with my parents," I said.

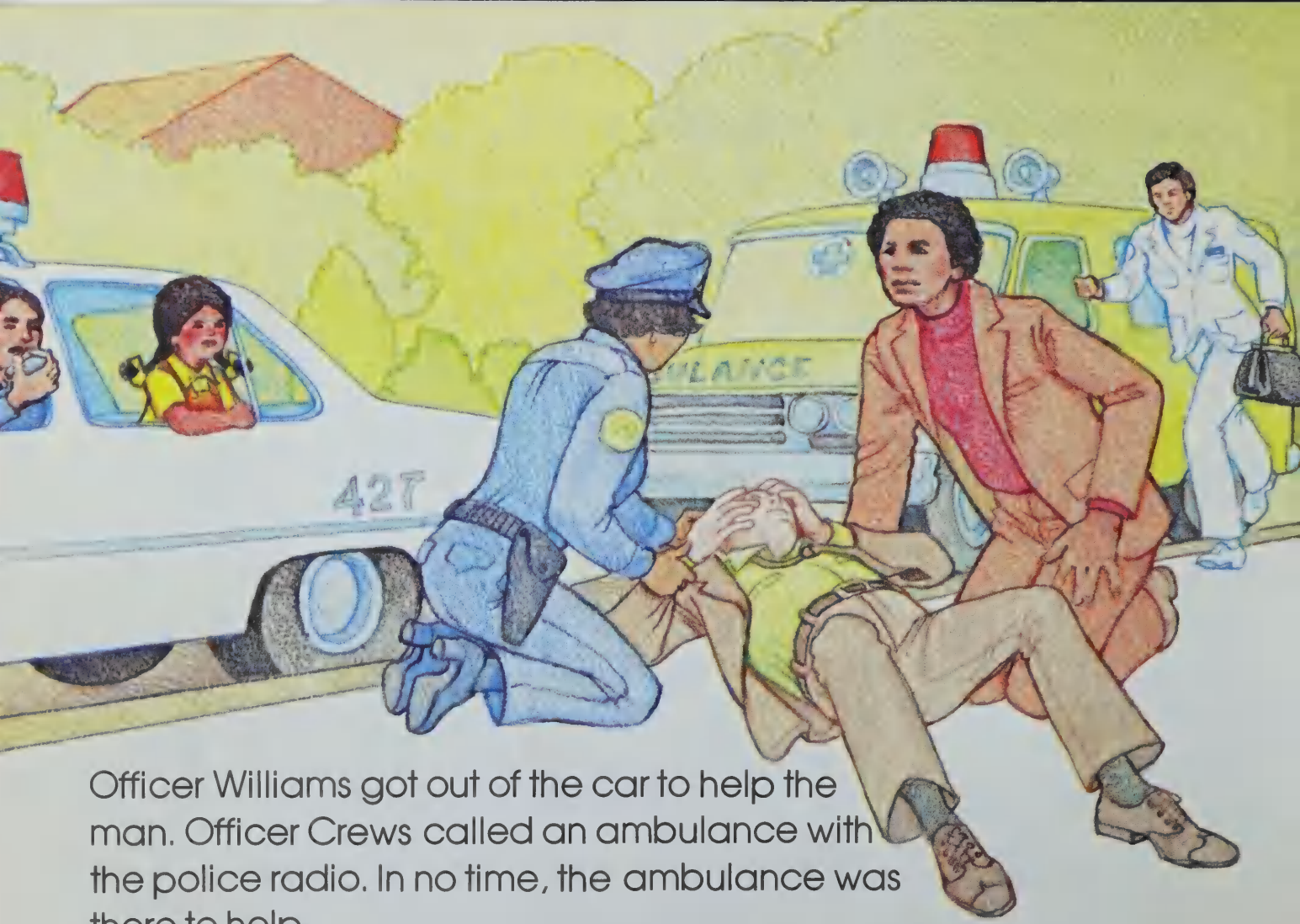
"I know," smiled Officer Williams. "But what is your address?"
"Seven hundred Elm Street," I said. I was glad I remembered my address.
Do you know your address?

"Are we going to turn on the siren?" I asked.
"Not unless we have to go somewhere in a big hurry," said Officer Williams. "That's called an emergency. Do you think this is an emergency?"

Just then, there was a call for Officer Crews and Officer Williams on the police radio. Officer Crews answered the call.

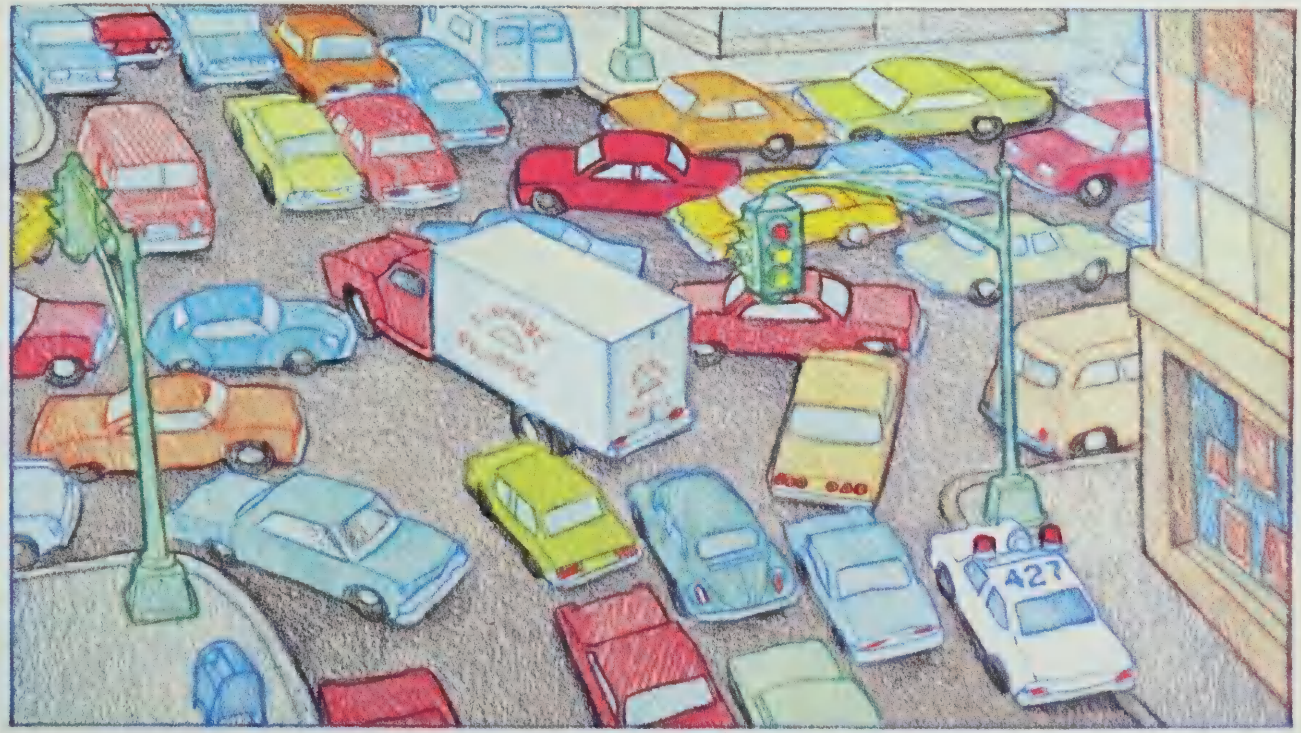
"We're on Grove Street now," said Officer Crews. "What is the matter? Do you see anything?"

"There," I said. "A man is lying on the sidewalk. Is he sick?"

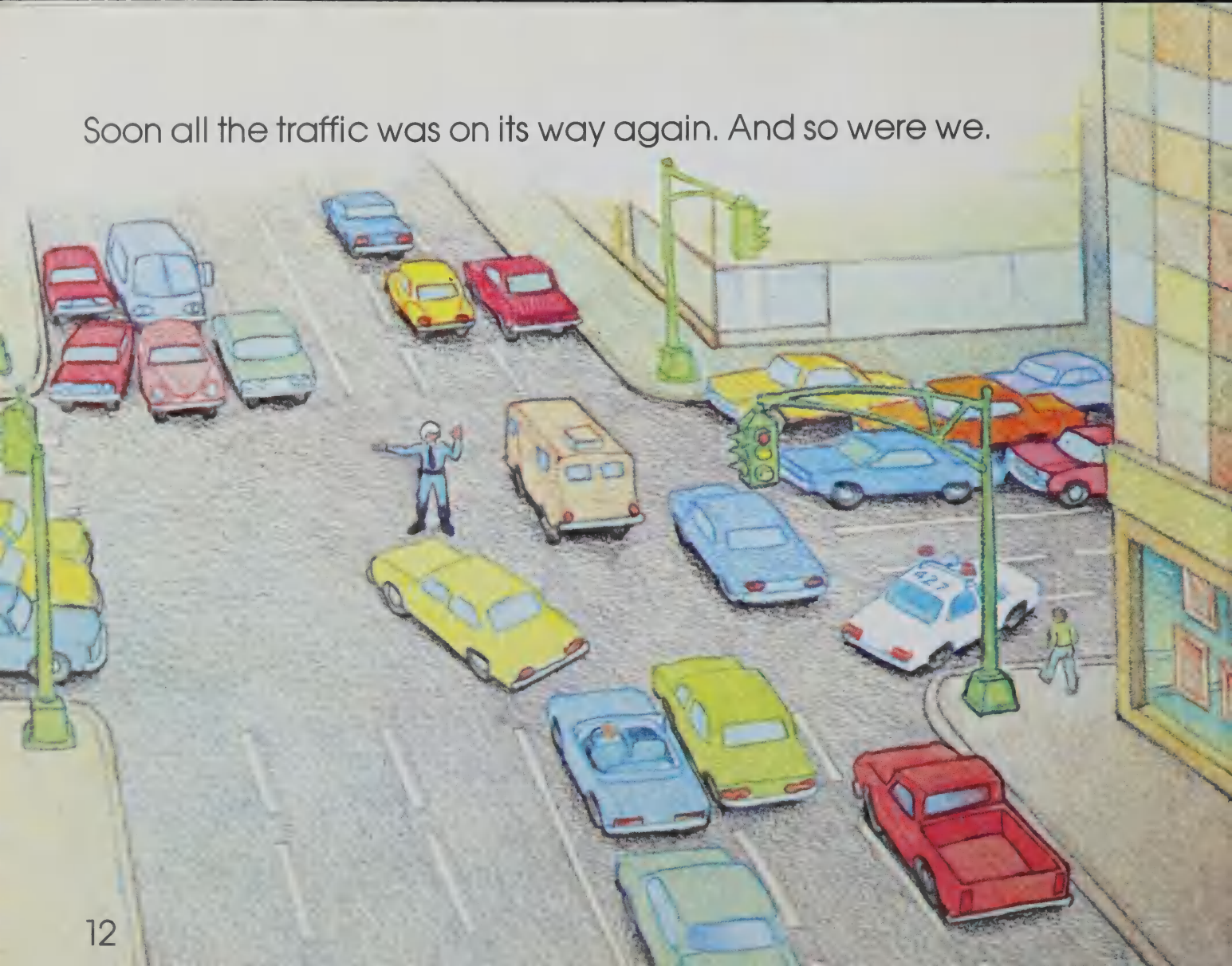


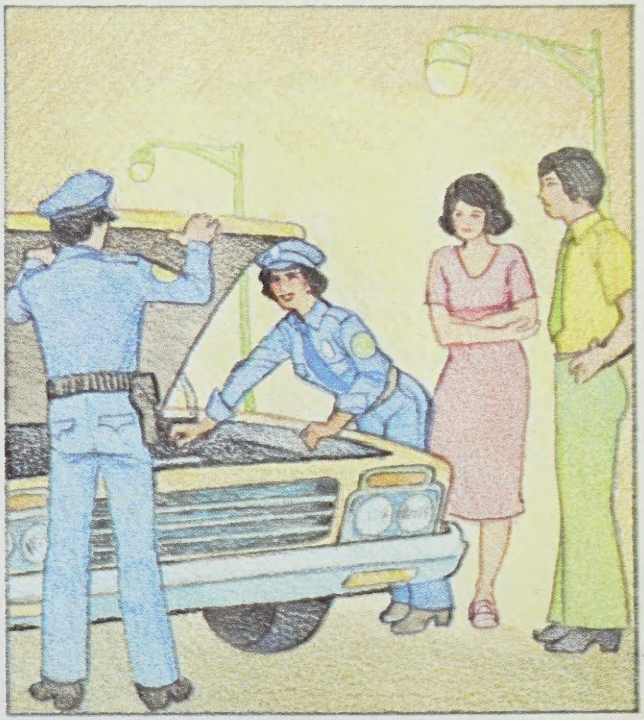
Officer Williams got out of the car to help the man. Officer Crews called an ambulance with the police radio. In no time, the ambulance was there to help.

We drove on. But we didn't drive far. There was a big traffic jam on Main Street. The officers stopped to help. Have you ever seen a big traffic jam?



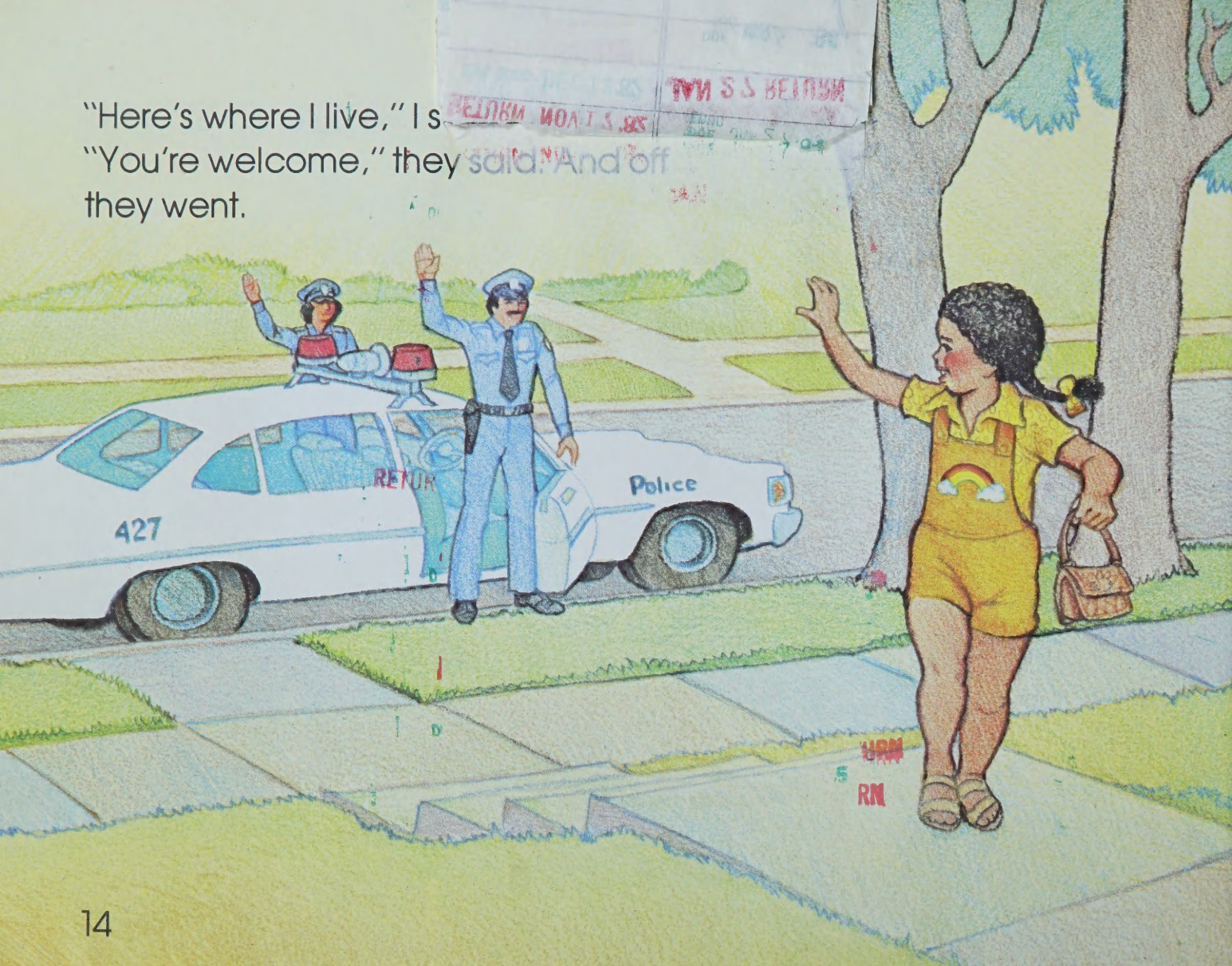
Soon all the traffic was on its way again. And so were we.





Officer Crews and Officer Williams told me about other things police officers do. They had caught a bank robber, helped people with car trouble, and a lot more.

"Here's where I live," I s
"You're welcome," they said. And off
they went.



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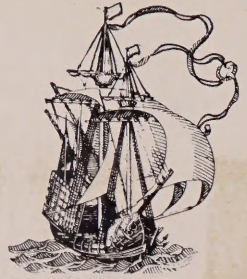

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